

Brief newsletter

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1 Interested in Historic Preservation?

Consider volunteering for an advisory committee that will help finalize a newly created Historic Preservation program. Applications must be filed by July 16. The committee, which will focus on preserving the city's architectural and cultural heritage, must fill four seats, including two alternate positions, set aside for members of the community. Those who apply must be prepared for an 18-month commitment. To apply, pick up an application at the Planning Counter in the Public Services Building, located at 276 Fourth Avenue, or download an application from our website at www.chula-vista.ca.gov.

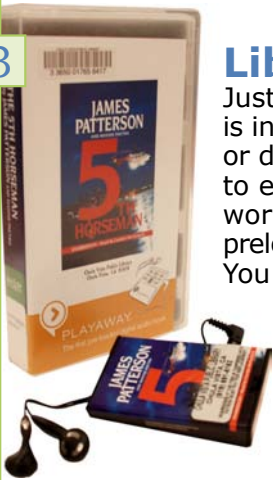
2 Nature Center Turns 20

Have you been to the Nature Center lately? Visit us as we celebrate our 20th anniversary and show off our world-class wildlife exhibits. Every year we get better and grow bigger, thanks to the generosity of donors and the hard work of our volunteers. Over the years, the center has evolved into an internationally recognized facility for local wildlife interpretation and endangered species research--and a place to enjoy the peace and serenity of the last remaining undeveloped marsh on San Diego Bay. To learn more, visit www.chulavistanaturecenter.org.



3 Library Books Going Digital

Just in time for summer, the Chula Vista Public Library is introducing digital audiobooks! With no cassettes, CDs or downloads, digital audiobooks are a fun and easy way to enjoy books on the road, at the beach, or during a workout. They are available as small, self-contained, preloaded digital audiobooks that only require headphones. You don't have headphones? Buy a pair at the Library for \$2. Book titles range from popular best sellers and classics to options for children and teens. For more information, go online at www.chulavistalibrary.com and search "Digital Audiobook".



4 Get Engaged

Are you interested in learning how your city government works? Consider participating in our new Citizens' Leadership Academy for an inside look at city programs, services, policies and issues. During a series of mostly evening sessions, tour city facilities, meet city council members and interact with department heads and frontline staff. Ask questions and get answers. Civic engagement is important to any community; an informed public makes wise decisions about the future. The first Citizens' Leadership Academy gets underway this fall. Look for more information soon on the city's home page at www.chulavistaca.gov.

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5 CVRC Interviews

In July, City Council will be interviewing applicants for the Chula Vista Redevelopment Corporation. The CVRC is a non-profit, public benefit organization formed by the city to support the planning and redevelopment activities of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency. Its members consist of local and regional experts who help oversee the redevelopment process. As the City gears up for redevelopment opportunities in some of Chula Vista's older neighborhoods, the high profile CVRC will play a key role in shaping the city's future. Vacancies on the board--up to five openings--were recently created when the CVRC was restructured. Download an application from the city's home page.

6 Introducing the New Book Bug

Ladybugs, butterflies and bees! Look for a swarm of these colorful critters wherever you see the Chula Vista Library's brand new convertible Volkswagen Book Bug. For years, the Book Bug has been a goodwill ambassador to the community, spreading the word about reading and services available at the City's libraries. This year, there's a new model Book Bug in town, courtesy of South Bay Volkswagen and the Chula Vista Library Foundation.



7 City Hiring Freeze

City Manager David Garcia has announced a 90-day hiring freeze, effective July 1. Although the fiscal year 2007-08 budget is balanced, the city could face a possible structural deficit of almost \$8 million in the next budget cycle. Garcia wants to tackle any anticipated shortfall sooner than later. "The longer the delay, the deeper we'll have to cut," he said. At the end of the freeze, the City Manager will re-evaluate all vacant positions, based on City Council priorities and updated revenue projections.

8 Celebrate Chula Vista

"Celebrate Chula Vista," an Independence Day festival featuring attractions for kids, live entertainment, food and a business expo, kicks off at noon July 4 in Bayside Park. Beginning at 9 p.m., watch a spectacular display of fireworks at the marina, sponsored by the City's Department of Recreation.



July's Music in the Park

Chula Vista's line-up of toe-tapping summer concerts continues this month in Veterans Park, located at 785 East Palomar St. Concerts are scheduled on Sundays from 5-6:30 p.m. and include the following:

- **July 1, Bayou Brothers, Cajun/Zydeco music**
- **July 8, Westwind Brass, music of the Americas**
- **July 15, Ultratones, hot dance music of the 70s, 80s and 90s**
- **July 22, Breez'n, music of the 50s, 60s and 70s**
- **July 29, Smokestaxx, classical soul and rock 'n' roll**

For more information, call (619) 585-5682 or visit www.chulavistaca.gov.

10 Help Needed

The City is updating its storm water pollution prevention program and needs your help. Pollutants that flow into our storm water system harm the environment, especially our water quality. Our staff is soliciting public input as we revise and shape a new policy that will be submitted to the City Council by the end of the year. To learn more, visit www.chulavistaca.gov/clean/StormWater.

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